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SUBJECT: FOURTH SESSION WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC)

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1. FODAG INFORMED BY WALTERS OF WFC THAT RESULTS OF WFC MEETING WITH WORLD BANK, UNDP, IFAD, AND FAO WERE BETTER THAN EXPECTED. DURING ACTUAL MEETING ONLY UNDP STATED THEY COULD SUPPORT FOOD PRODUCTION PROPOSAL. OTHERS WERE NEGATIVE. MEETING ENDED WITH INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES' REQUEST WFC REP PREPARE DRAFT OF RECOMMENDATION. WFC SECRETARIAT HOPES MINISTERS WOULD RECOMMEND IN MEXICO AND SHOW IT TO THEM. AFTER MEETING WALTERS SAID WORLD BANK COULD SUPPORT FOOD PRODUCTION PROPOSAL PROVIDED THAT LDC COUNTRY REQUESTED THE UNDERTAKING. WORLD BANK REP SAID ALSO THAT HE WOULD TALK TO FAO AND IFAD TO SEE IF HE COULD BRING THEM AROUND, TOO. THIS IS ACCORDING TO WALTERS.

2. DR. HANNAH WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 24 AND 25 AND ANY APPOINTMENTS WITH HIM CAN BE ARRANGED THROUGH HIS OFFICE IN NEW YORK.

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3. WALTERS UNDERSTANDS THAT HANNAH IS RELUCTANT TO CONSULT WITH MEMBER COUNTRIES ON THE DRAFT STATEMENT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE COUNCIL AS STATED IN REFTEL DUE TO LACK OF TIME. THE STATEMENT IS BEING PREPARED NOW AND HANNAH WILL HAVE A COPY WITH HIM. FODAG HOPES TO OBTAIN COPY MAY 19 AND WILL CABLE WHEN AVAILABLE. GARDNER

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